

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 29-20 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/29-20 new)

7 Sec. 29-20. Transportation for school districts with
8 coterminous boundaries. Any 2 or more school districts that
9 share the same boundaries may combine transportation
10 activities to, in addition to the variety of economic,
11 environmental, and traffic safety benefits, achieve savings to
12 these school districts as well as this State. For any school
13 districts electing to combine such transportation, the State
14 Board of Education shall reimburse the school districts in an
15 amount in addition to any other transportation reimbursement or
16 other moneys owed to the school districts. In calculating this
17 reimbursement, the State Board of Education shall reimburse
18 school districts in the year following the year in which
19 savings were achieved in an amount deemed equal to 75% of the
20 actual or estimated savings achieved by this State from any
21 reductions in other reimbursement the consolidation achieved.
22 This additional reimbursement must be divided between or among
23 the school districts by a percentage equal to the percentage of

1 the total student population made up by each district's
2 population. School districts may jointly enter into any
3 contract not otherwise prohibited by this Article with other
4 coterminous school districts or transportation providers to
5 achieve these savings. In applying for reimbursement under this
6 Section, school districts shall use forms prescribed by the
7 State Board of Education, accompanied by any information
8 requested by the State Board of Education or deemed useful by
9 the school districts, including historic transportation
10 information, mileage reductions, or information provided by
11 vendors or consultants.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
13 2013.